

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A fastener having fixing means attached thereto and tape (4, 30a, 31a, 32a, 33a) to be secured to a securement subject (25), wherein an identification medium (20) is attached at a position of the tape (4, 30a, 31a, 32a, 33a) to be covered with the securement subject (25).

Claim 2 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium (20) is a radio IC chip, and an antenna (21) or a signal line (23) connected to the radio IC chip are attached to the fastener.

Claims 3-7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): A fastener having fixing means attached thereto and tape (4, 30a, 31a, 32a, 33a) to be secured to a securement subject (25), the fastener comprising:

- an identification medium (20) attached to the fastener; and
- an antenna (21) or a signal line (23) disposed continuously in the longitudinal direction of the tape (4, 30a, 31a, 32a, 33a), wherein
- the identification medium (20) is a radio IC chip, and
- the radio IC chip is connected with the antenna (21) or the signal line (23).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 8, wherein the antenna (21) or the signal line (23) is woven or knitted in the tape (4, 30a, 31a, 32a, 33a).

Claim 10 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 8, wherein the antenna (21) or the signal line (23) is pasted to, bonded to, fused with, printed on or embedded in the tape (4, ~~30a, 31a, 32a, 33a~~).

Claim 11 (currently amended): The fastener according to ~~any one of claims 8-10~~ claim 8, wherein the antenna (21) or the signal line (23) is formed in a core thread (11) of the slide fastener (1).

Claim 12 (currently amended): The fastener according to any one of claims 8 to 10, wherein the antenna (21) or the signal line (23) is formed in a fastener element (14) of the slide fastener (1), and the fastener element (14) is formed by bending a conductive resin monofilament.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A slide fastener having a fastener tape (4) to be secured to a securement subject (25), wherein an identification medium (20) is attached in the vicinity of an end stop (~~5, 6, 15~~) of the fastener tape (4).

Claim 14 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 13, wherein the identification medium (20) is a radio IC chip, and the antenna (21) or the signal line (23) connected to the radio IC chip is attached to the fastener.

Claims 15-19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (currently amended): A slide fastener having a fastener tape (4) to be secured to a securement subject (25), wherein an identification medium (20) is attached to an end stop (5, 6, 15) of the slide fastener (1).

Claim 21 (currently amended): The slide fastener according to claim 20, wherein the identification medium (20) is incorporated in the end stop (5, 6, 15).

Claim 22 (currently amended): The slide fastener according to claim 20, wherein the identification medium (20) is attached to the end stop (5, 6, 15) detachably.

Claims 23-25 (cancelled).

Claim 26 (currently amended): A fastener having fixing means attached thereto and a tape (4, 30a, 31a, 32a, 33a) to be secured to a securement subject (25), wherein an identification medium (20) is attached to the fixing means.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A slide fastener having a fastener tape (4) to be secured to a securement subject (25), wherein an identification medium (20) is attached to a fastener element (14).

Claim 28 (currently amended): A slide fastener having a fastener tape (4) to be secured to a securement subject (25), wherein an identification medium (20) is attached to a slider (2).

Claim 29 (currently amended): The slide fastener according to claim 28, wherein the identification medium (20) is incorporated in the slider (2).

Claim 30 (currently amended): The slide fastener according to claim 28, wherein the identification medium (20) is attached to the slider (2) detachably.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A slide fastener having a fastener tape (4) to be secured to a securement subject (25), wherein an identification medium (20) is attached to an ornament member (19) which is detachably attached to a pull tab (3).

Claim 32 (currently amended): A fastener having fixing means attached thereto and a tape (4, 30a, 31a, 32a, 33a) to be secured to a securement subject (25), the fastener including:
an identification medium (22) which is a radio IC chip; and
a power source battery (22) and an antenna (24) to be connected to the radio IC chip.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 32, wherein the radio IC chip (20) and/or the power source battery (22) are/is attached to the tape (4, 30a, 31a, 32a, 33a) detachably.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 32 or 33, wherein
the fastener has the fastener tapes (4) which make a pair of right and left ones for opening/closing in the right/left direction, and the separable bottom end stop (15),
the radio IC chip (20) is attached to one tape (4) while the power source battery (22) of the radio IC chip (20) is attached to the other tape (4), and

a switch for connecting/disconnecting the radio IC chip (20) and the power source battery (22) by engagement/disengagement operations of the separable bottom end stop (15).

Claim 35 (currently amended): A fastener including:

an identification medium (20) which is a radio IC chip; and

a shielding material for shielding communication with the radio IC chip.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The fastener according to claim 35, wherein the shielding material shields the antenna (21) connected to the radio IC chip (20).

Claim 37 (cancelled).

Claim 38 (currently amended): A surface fastener having engaging faces capable of engaging with/disengaging from each other in an opposing condition, wherein an identification medium (20) is disposed between the engaging faces and covered.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The surface fastener according to claim 38, wherein the identification medium (20) is a radio IC chip, and the surface fastener for covering the radio IC chip has a shielding material for shielding communication with the radio IC chip.

Claim 40 (currently amended): A securement subject on which a fastener having an identification medium (20) attached thereto is secured, wherein the identification medium (20) is a radio IC chip, the securement subject having an antenna (21) or a signal line (23) electrically connected with the radio IC chip.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The securement subject according to claim 40, wherein a conductive material ~~(13)~~ or an electrically conductive fiber material ~~(12)~~ is disposed in the tape ~~(4)~~ of the fastener ~~(1)~~,

various kinds of sensors ~~(28)~~ are attached on the securement subject ~~(25)~~, and the various kinds of sensors ~~(28)~~ and the antenna ~~(21)~~ or the signal line ~~(23)~~ are electrically connected to the radio IC chip ~~(20)~~ via the electrically conductive material ~~(13)~~ or the electrically conductive fiber material ~~(12)~~ disposed in the tape ~~(4)~~.

Claim 42 (currently amended): A securement subject on which a fastener having an identification medium ~~(20)~~ attached thereto is secured, wherein the identification medium ~~(20)~~ is a radio IC chip, the securement subject having a shielding material for covering the securement subject with the radio IC chip, and shielding communication with the radio IC chip.

Claim 43 (currently amended): The securement subject according to claim 42, wherein the fastener has an antenna ~~(21)~~ connected to the radio IC chip ~~(20)~~, and the securement subject ~~(25)~~ includes a shielding material ~~(45)~~ for covering the antenna ~~(21)~~.

Claim 44 (currently amended): A fastener to which an identification medium ~~(20)~~ is attached detachably.

Claim 45 (original): The fastener according to claim 44, which is a snap fastener.

Claim 46 (original): The fastener according to claim 44, which is a rail fastener.

Claim 47 (original): The fastener according to claim 44, which is a buckle.

Claim 48 (original): The fastener according to claim 44, which is a cord stopper.

Claim 49 (original): The fastener according to claim 44, which is a swivel.

Claim 50 (original): The fastener according to claim 44, which is a snap button.

Claim 51 (original): The fastener according to claim 44, which is a slide fastener.

Claim 52 (original): The fastener according to claim 44, which is a surface fastener.

Claim 53 (original): The fastener according to claim 44, which is a belt adjuster.